Greeting, Taking Leave and Expressing Regret

Saying Goodbye and Expressing Regret- Lesson 2

When you make new acquaintances in your host country, you will be taking leave of (saying goodbye to) many people. It is important that you treat everyone you meet with respect and courtesy, in order to establish a good report and to make a good impression as an American in a host country.

Here is your task:

**First, log on to:** [**www.survivalphrases.com**](http://www.survivalphrases.com)

**Second, select the language of your culture.**

**Third, find the lesson for goodbyes.**

**Finally, download the PDF file to read while you listen to the Audio file for your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions. You will have two sets of files today. Don’t forget to upload both audio files and worksheets to the WIKI when finished!**

1. How do you say “Goodbye” in your country? Zai Jian
2. Are there different ways of saying “Goodbye”? Why?

Yes, because it depends on what time of day it is that determines what type of goodbye you would say.,

1. What are some of the other ways of saying “Goodbye”? Indicate when and for whom they should be used:

“Zai jian” means “See you(later)”, “Mingtian jian” means “See you tomorrow,” and “Wan an” means “Good night.”

**(proceed to next worksheet for “Expressing Regret” lesson)**

Expressing Regret

**Find the lesson for “I’m sorry” in your culture.**

**Finally, download the PDF file to read while you click on the Audio file to listen to your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions once you have finished your lesson:**

If you are the offender (the person who needs to say “I’m sorry!”)…

1. What are examples of different situations for saying “I’m sorry!” in your host culture?

Dui Bugi. – (Mei Wenti)

1. What do you say if you do something awkward, like bump into someone?

Buhao yisi

1. What do you say if something sad has happened to someone?

No specific phrase.

1. What do you say if you’ve forgotten something or done/said something inappropriate?

Buhao yisi.

What kinds of response(s) could you expect to hear from the person you’ve offended in each situation? Write their response in (parentheses) beside each version of “I’m sorry!”

*Looking ahead: Your next lesson will be about saying “Please,” “Thank you,” and “You’re welcome.”*